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In re application of: Tara C. Singhal )  
Serial No: 08/710,388 ) Art Unit  
Filed: September 14, 1996 ) 2736  
For: MAN MACHINE INTERFACE VIA DISPLAY )  
PERIPHERAL )  
Examiner: John Tweel )  
Attorney Docket No.: 11195.4 )

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT  
AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT TO APPLICATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated February 17, 1998, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on March 17, 1998, please amend the above-captioned Patent Application as follows:

Applicant respectfully elects Group I comprising of claims 1-6 and 15-22 with traverse.

In the Restriction Requirement, the Examiner has determined there are three (3) inventions:

- (1) Group I: namely, claims 1-6 and 15-22, drawn to a display peripheral input device;
- (2) Group II: namely, claims 7-9, drawn to a multiple switch; and
- (3) Group III: namely, claims 10-14, drawn to an operator interface.

The Examiner provided that the inventions are distinct because the combination as claimed does not require the particulars of the sub-combination as claimed and the sub-combination has utility. It is believed that the Restriction Requirement is improper because